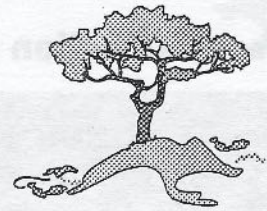




# Surf Pines Breeze

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## Water Association Elects New Members and Approves Money Matters



by Ken Weber

In voting by mail that concluded on December 1, 2004, members of the Surf Pines Water Association elected two new members to the Water Board, approved the proposed budget, and approved placing the reserve fund in an account with the City of Warrenton and designating the fund for future repairs to the water system.

Wayne Fleming and Bob McWhirter, who were unopposed, were elected to the Water Board. These new members replace Natalie Cellars and Babe Price, who served on the board for 10 and 12 years, respectively. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year was approved by a vote of 146 to 10.

For the past seven years, the Water Board has worked toward the goal of dissolving itself when the City of Warrenton accepts the Surf Pines' water system as part of Warrenton's water system.

The water system that the Water Board is offering to Warrenton is the most modern system in the area. The system is upgraded to meet all code requirements. And the offer includes piping, valves, and hydrants—the complete system.

Recently, however, Warrenton added a requirement that the Water Board place its reserve fund, approximately \$40,000, in an account with the city and designate the fund for future repairs to Surf Pines' water system. The Water Board asked members to approve this requirement. Members approved it by a vote of 114 to 43.

If Warrenton now accepts the Surf Pines' water system with this latest requirement met, the resulting contract will be reviewed by legal counsel before the Water Board accepts it.

An alternative to accepting a contract with Warrenton is joining the City of Gearhart's new well-water program. The Water Board will consider this alternative as Gearhart's program progresses.

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## Water Association (continued from Page 1)



On December 8, 2004, the Water Board met to thank the outgoing members for their years of service, welcome the incoming members, and elect officers. These officers were elected: Ken Weber, President; Fred Krueger, Vice President; Wayne Fleming, Secretary; Kaye Lockett, Treasurer; and Bob McWhirter, Member at Large

Meetings, which are open to all members, will be announced on the bulletin board at the south gate, and the Water Board will report on its activities in this newsletter.

Editors' note: Ken Weber not only presides over the Water Board, but also chairs the Park Committee.

## Quick News



### Next Annual Meeting Already Scheduled

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Mark your new calendar.

### Monthly Board Meetings Open

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Seaside Public Library. "Comments from the Membership" is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the gate house and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web: [www.surfpines.org](http://www.surfpines.org)

### Best Time to Contact Security

The best time for you to contact Lynn Meyrick, Security, about routine business is during office hours: Thursday through Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. During office hours, Lynn and Pam Meyrick are available in person at the security house and also by telephone at (503) 738-0637. (In case of an emergency, call Security at any time.)

Lynn and Pam welcome you to the new security house.

### Is Surf Pines Burning?

If a developer is burning trees and brush in Surf Pines and the fire is not under control or the smoke is a nuisance, then either call the Gearhart fire chief, Bill Eddy, at 738-7838 to register a complaint or, for immediate action, call 911.

You currently see two different models for development in Surf Pines. In the old model, land is cleared by bulldozing trees and brush into huge piles and burning the piles on site. In the new model, the trees and brush are hauled out of Surf Pines and either burned in an unpopulated area or, better, put to some useful purpose.

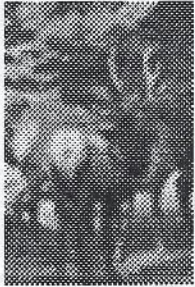
The old model was appropriate, perhaps, when Surf Pines was rural and sparsely populated. But as Surf Pines becomes increasingly exurban and populated, the new model is increasingly appropriate. The better developers are using the new model.





## Quick News (continued)

### Elk Shot



On Tuesday, November 16, 2004, at approximately 4:00 p.m., an elk was shot behind the old gate house south of Surf Pines Lane.

To the south of Surf Pines Lane is private property. Security was told that Paul See, the owner of this property, permitted the elk hunt on his property, despite the proximity to frequently traveled Surf Pines Lane.

To the north of Surf Pines Lane is Surf Pines, where hunting of any kind is prohibited. If you witness either hunting or the discharge of a firearm in Surf Pines, then report it to the County Sheriff at either 325-8635 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) or 325-2061 (at other hours).



The elk herd searches for its lost leader.

### Additions and Corrections to *Directory*

The yellow sheet that was enclosed with this newsletter includes additions and corrections to the yellow *Directory of Residents 2004-2005*. Put the additions and corrections on the yellow sheet in your copy of the yellow directory. If your listing in the directory requires an addition or a correction, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator. (For Bill's telephone number, address, and e-mail address, see page 8.)

### Speed Enforced by Radar

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers according to this schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$94
11-20	\$141
21-30	\$237
Over 30	\$421

### Location of Mailboxes

The Roads and Grounds Committee advises that mailboxes should be located so that the front of the box is a minimum of 18 inches from the edge of the paved road with the intervening surface either paved or graveled. The bottom of the box should be 36 to 38 inches above the surface of the road to comply with Post Office regulations.

### Tsunami Hazard Real

In light of the tsunami that recently occurred in the Indian Ocean, the gist of the advice in the Surf Pines Association's *Owners' Information Guide* warrants repetition here.

If a strong earthquake occurs or if you are informed that a tsunami is expected on the coast, then move to higher ground immediately. In Surf Pines, the higher ground is along Manion and Sea Breeze Drives. Depending on the location of the quake, you could have less than 15 minutes to move to higher ground before the resultant tsunami strikes.

After you reach higher ground, stay there until you receive further information.



## Thanks to the Committees

by Patrick Kelley with photo by Roger Masse

Thanks to the work of its committees, Surf Pines works.

Join us in thanking the current members of the standing committees—Security, Community Relations, and Roads and Grounds—for their work. And consider volunteering to work on a committee yourself.

### Thanks to the Security Committee

The Security Committee's work focuses on safety and security in Surf Pines.

Current members include:

Michael Wilkin, Chairperson  
Burr Allegaert  
Mike Davies  
Gene Kever  
Bill Rhodes  
DeAnn Rzewnicki  
Mark Whisler

### Thanks to the Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee's work focuses on positive community relations in Surf Pines.

Current members include:

Norma Kever, Chair  
Barbara Damon  
Bonny Groshong  
Robin Rhodes  
Bonnie Rogie  
Tracy Sherrell  
Katie Weber

(Thanks, too, to Carolyn Wohlgemuth, who served on this committee until recently.)

Surf Pines residents flock to volunteer for committees.

### Thanks to the Roads and Grounds Committee

The Roads and Grounds Committee's work focuses on maintenance and improvement of the association's roads and grounds.

Current members include:

Burr Allegaert, Chairperson  
Alan Beck  
Wayne Fleming  
Bob McWhirter  
Ken Weber

The work of a related subcommittee, the Park Committee, focuses on maintenance and improvement of the park.

Current members of this subcommittee include:

Ken Weber, Chairperson  
Doug Barker  
Karen Beck  
Gene Bourquein  
Lou Sayer  
Bill Switzenberg  
Carolyn Switzenberg  
Katie Weber





## Committees (Continued)



### And Thanks to the Other Committees

Occasionally, work in Surf Pines requires an ad hoc committee, such as the Security House Committee, which recently completed its work of supervising construction of the security house.

#### Members included:

Don Kruger, Chairperson  
Bill Barrons, Project Manager  
Gene Kever  
Norma Kever  
Loren Wohlgemuth  
Inarose Zuelke

Unlike the standing committees, which work throughout the year on a variety of tasks, and the ad hoc committee, which worked for more than a year on one major task, two other committees—the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee—work only during the spring in preparation for the Annual Meeting during the summer.

Like an ad hoc committee, the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee each focus on only one task. The Nominating Committee's task is to recommend a slate of nominees to the membership to fill open positions on the board of directors. The Budget Committee's task is to recommend to the board of directors a proposed annual budget for the fiscal year.

Members of the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee will be appointed in the spring.

### To Volunteer to Work on a Committee

To volunteer to work on a standing committee—either Security, Community Relations, or Roads and Grounds—contact the committee chairperson. To volunteer to work on either the Nominating Committee or the Budget Committee, contact any member of the board of directors. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses, see page 8.)

## Volunteer Firefighters Needed from Surf Pines



by Tom Wilcox

I joined the Gearhart Fire Department, which serves Surf Pines, when I moved to Surf Pines more than nine years ago. Needless to say, it has been an interesting nine years for me.

Many of my calls are of a medical nature. Fires are relatively few. Whatever the call, I have found it rewarding to help others whenever they are in need.

But firefighting is a job for a younger person. Now 66, with the usual aches and pains, I do not know how much longer I can be of service to the fire department.

Volunteer firefighters are needed from Surf Pines because, if they respond from their homes, then they can respond quickly to emergencies in Surf Pines. In other words, volunteer firefighters from Surf Pines are likely to be the first responders to emergencies in Surf Pines.

Fortunately for Surf Pines, Charlie Iverson, a young man from Surf Pines, recently joined me as a volunteer in the department. We share a medical bag, including oxygen and a defibrillator, which is designated for Surf Pines, passing the bag back and forth, according to our schedules.

But Charlie will be the only volunteer from Surf Pines when I no longer can be of service. And, in fact, we need more volunteers from Surf Pines now.

If you volunteer, you will be well trained as a firefighter and an emergency medical technician. The department meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall for training. Dedication is required. Men and women who are at least 18 are eligible to volunteer.

Consider this opportunity to make a difference in your community. If you need more information, then contact me. If you decide to volunteer, then call the fire chief, Bill Eddy, at 738-7838.

Editors' note: Tom Wilcox is not only a volunteer firefighter, but also a member of the Board of Directors of the Surf Pines Association. For more information about working as a volunteer firefighter, contact Tom. His telephone number and e-mail address are on page 8.)





## Surf Pines Social Calendar

with photos by Roger Masse and Katie Weber

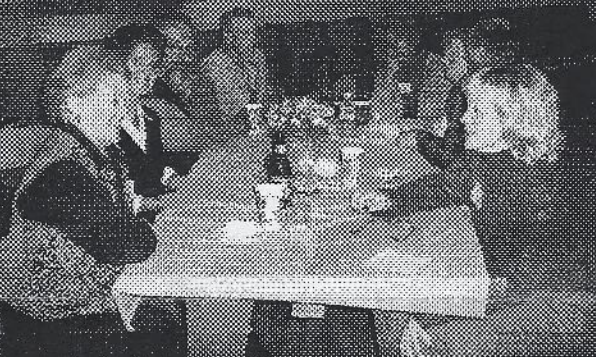
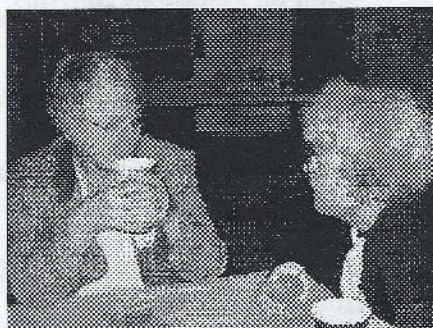
In the new year, you can look forward to another busy Surf Pines social calendar.

You can look forward, for example, to invitations to attend our premier social events: the Annual Summer Picnic in the Park and the Annual Holiday Soiree. And, as another example, you can look forward to an invitation to participate in the Annual All Surf Pines Garage Sale.

On these pages, you can look back at the social events from the past quarter, especially through the accompanying photographs.

### Oktoberfest

Forty-five members and their guests attended our Oktoberfest in early October at the Pacific Grange, enjoying German bratwurst and beer and a huge spread of delicious harvest dishes, plus delightful conversation and danceable music. (Speaking of delicious dishes, if you brought German chocolate brownies to Oktoberfest but left your pan there, then call Katie Weber at 738-5986 to retrieve it.)



### Open House at New Security House

Forty members attended the open house at the security house in mid October to celebrate the opening of this new facility.





## Surf Pines Social Calendar (Continued)

### Annual Holiday Soiree

So many members attended the Annual Holiday Soiree at the Donovans' home in mid December that the Community Relations Committee exhausted its supply of name tags long before the last guests arrived. Michael and Liane Donovan hosted graciously. And their 70 guests enjoyed a gala holiday evening.





## Welcome the New Surf Pines Residents

Welcome these new residents to Surf Pines:

**Robert & Sigrid Button** 89535 Ocean Drive

**Richard & Rachel Hall** 89817 Sea Breeze Drive

**Art & Kay Linbird** 89532 Shady Pines Road

**David & Cynthia Lukens** 89774 Surf Pines Landing

**Mary Miller** 89829 Surf Pines Landing

**Robert & Janice Murray** 89556 Shady Pines Road

**Michael & Renee Sinclair** 89594 Manion Drive

**Catherine Smith** 90040 Ocean Drive

**Fred & Sherry Steinmetz** 89735 Surf Pines Landing

**Russell & Jane Watson** 89833 Sea Breeze Drive

If you are a new resident (since October 1, 2004), but your name is not on this list, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator.



Residents move into new homes on Shady Pines Road.

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